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REMARKS

In the Amendments above, Claims 1 and 16 have been amended and Claims 15 and 31 to 37 have been cancelled, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention.

According to the Office Action, Claims 1-5, 10-14, 16-22, and 26-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kalis, U.S. Patent No. 5,609,624. Also, Claims 7-9, 23-25, and 32-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Kalis patent in view of Andersen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,674,276. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 15 and 31 contain allowable subject matter.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the amendments above, wherein Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 15 and 31, respectively. These amendments and the cancellation of Claims 15 and 31 to 37 should overcome the rejections under §§102(b) and 103(a).

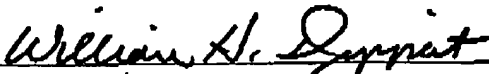
The amendments above have been made to put the claims in allowable condition and are not intended to raise new issues or otherwise require further searching or consideration by the Examiner. Entry of this paper is believed proper and is hereby requested.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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